

The Roundtable

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Hustling for Husson

A trio of very enthusiastic Husson University administrators/faculty spread the latest news about the school around the breakfast tables today. Sarah Robinson, Vice President for Advancement; Brien Walton, Assistant Director at the Richard Dyke Center for Family Business and assistant professor for entrepreneurship; and Lee Speronis, director of Hospitality, Sports and Tourism in the College of Business each spoke of the university's goal of educating and training students to become employed, some even before graduation. Ms. Robinson said that 95 percent of Husson graduates are employed or are attending graduate school.

Dr. Walton, a Washington, DC native with a deep bass voice, is the "new kid" on the Husson block. He has five graduate degrees ("I believe in life-long learning") and came to Husson late in the summer.

"I believe in involving students in experiential entrepreneurship and to have more comprehensive



experiences," he said. "We need to train students to be able to work twenty years from now."

Dr. Speronis highlighted the partnerships with the state's community colleges. He noted also that Husson's College of Business now makes up 40 percent of the university's students and courses. But it's not all business: he also was the assistant coach of Husson's 7-time conference championship softball team, and now serves as the

faculty representative to the football team. He is Chair for the Greater Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce board.

Dr. Speronis urged business people to test drive an intern. “Yes, you pay an intern, and that intern will learn whether the work they are doing for you is what they want to do for a career.”

The need for educated, trained workers is high. Dr. Speronis said there are 16,000 unfilled jobs in Maine, 3,000 of them in the Bangor region.

Potpourri

Morning guests included Katie Simoncic, introduced by **David Wheaton**. Ms. Simoncic is a Rotary Youth Leadership Award winner.

The *All that Jazz* committee seeks a new performance venue. **Ken Kimball** reported that Peakes Auditorium, the traditional site for the event, doesn't have the staff to host the event in March. **President Doug Townsend** said he will send a club survey via email to members next week. The survey will seek members' opinions and ideas about the club, a sort of “How are we doing?” document. He distributed a sign-up list for volunteers for the annual Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast. **Paul Miragliuolo** is selling placemat ads for the breakfast this year. Let him know if you want to place an ad, retract your ad, or leave well enough alone as published last year. Ads are \$100. All revenues help the Coats for Kids program.

Kristy Kimball will host a “Toys for Tots” gala meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at Dysarts on Broadway in Bangor, 7:10-8:10 am.

The Birthday Trio got fined for each of their September birthdays: **Dick Cattelle, Lisa Wahlstrom** and **Les Myers**. All the members sang the birthday tune to Dick; Les and Dick sang to Lisa; and Lisa and Dick sang to Les. It seemed a bit incestuous.

John Quinn, scheduled to be married next year, got some sense of marital non-bliss when he attended a friend's wedding this past weekend. His back “went out,” and he spent the wedding ceremony flat on his back on the ground.

Golfing blues: Paul was in Florida last week and found no golf courses open because of flooding from the hurricane.

In dog news, Doug said his Border Collie ran off during a weekend trip. The family posted social media announcements and photos. A person called on Sunday reporting that they had the dog. “PLEASE come get him!” they pleaded.



Sarah Robinson



Katie Simoncic

Les Myers, pawing now for September 28, 2017